

CHAPTER 12. CERTIFIED UNIFIED PROGRAM AGENCY, MEDICAL WASTES*

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Cross reference(s)--Hazardous and medical wastes, § 68.504; hazardous waste establishments (Certified Unified Program Agency), § 68.901 et seq.; underground storage of hazardous substances, § 68.1001 et seq.; hazardous materials inventory and response plans, § 68.1101 et seq.; disclosure of hazardous materials, § 68.1113.

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SEC. 68.1201. PURPOSE.

It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors that the Director of the Department of Environmental Health shall implement the Medical Waste Management Act, Division 104, Part 14 of the California Health and Safety Code.

(Amended by Ord. No. 7646 (N.S.), effective 8-4-89; amended by Ord. No. 8477 (N.S.), adopted 11-8-94, operative 1-1-95; amended by Ord. No. 9293 (N.S.), effective 1-12-01)

SEC. 68.1202. SMALL QUANTITY GENERATORS.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any generator of medical waste, other than a trauma scene waste management practitioner, that generates less than 200 pounds per month of medical waste to store or dispose of such wastes without an annual permit therefore from the Director of the Department of Environmental Health.

(b) Any person desiring a permit required by this chapter shall make application therefor as prescribed in Chapter 9, Section 68.906 of this division.

(Amended by Ord. No. 9293 (N.S.), effective 1-12-01)

SEC. 68.1203. LARGE QUANTITY GENERATORS.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any generator of medical waste, other than a trauma scene waste management practitioner, that generates more than 200 pounds per month of medical waste to store or dispose of such wastes without an annual permit therefore from the Director of the Department of Environmental Health.

(b) Any person desiring a permit required by this chapter shall make application therefor as prescribed in Chapter 9, Section 68.906 of this division.

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SEC. 68.1204. FEE.

Every person required to have a permit or license required by this division shall, at the time of making application or renewal, pay the annual fee prescribed for such a permit or license. Such annual permit fees shall be specified in Section 65.107 of the County Code of Regulatory Ordinances.

(Amended by Ord. No. 7646 (N.S.), effective 8-4-89; amended by Ord. No. 9293 (N.S.), effective 1-12-01)

SEC. 68.1205. SHARPS CONTAINER LABELING.

Sharps containers must be labeled with either "biohazard" or "infectious waste" on the outside of the container. Sharps containers must also be labeled so that the generator's name, address and phone number are legible and easily visible on the outside of the container.

(Amended by Ord. No. 7646 (N.S.), effective 8-4-89; amended by Ord. No. 9293 (N.S.), effective 1-12-01)

SEC. 68.1206. RED BAG LABELING.

Red Bags shall be red in color and conspicuously labeled with the international biohazard symbol and the word "Biohazard". The bag shall be labeled so that the generator's name, address, and phone number is legible and easily visible on the outside of the bag.

(Amended by Ord. No. 7646 (N.S.), effective 8-4-89; amended by Ord. No. 8477 (N.S.), adopted 11-8-94, operative 1-1-95; amended by Ord. No. 9293 (N.S.), effective 1-12-01)

SEC. 68.1207. MEDICAL SOLID WASTE.

Medical solid waste shall include, but not be limited to, waste such as empty specimen containers, bandages, dressings containing non-liquid blood, surgical gloves, decontaminated biohazardous waste, and other materials which are not biohazardous.

(Amended by Ord. No. 7646 (N.S.), effective 8-4-89; amended by Ord. No. 9293 (N.S.), effective 1-12-01)

SEC. 68.1208. CRIMINAL PENALTY.

Violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the County jail not exceeding one year, or a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or both.

(Amended by Ord. No. 9293 (N.S.), effective 1-12-01)

SEC. 68.1209. CIVIL PENALTY.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for each such violation.

(Amended by Ord. No. 9293 (N.S.), effective 1-12-01)

SEC. 68.1210. ADDITIONAL REMEDIES.

The civil and criminal provisions of this chapter are remedies in addition to any existing remedy authorized by law and are not to be construed as conflicting with or in dereliction of, any

provisions of this chapter or of this code or of law. Said provisions are to be construed as independent and non-exclusive and in no way conditioned upon each other.

(Amended by Ord. No. 9293 (N.S.), effective 1-12-01)

SEC. 68.1211. MEDICAL SOLID WASTE SECURITY.

Any person who is a generator, or an employee of a generator of medical, shall store such wastes prior to disposal in an area secured as to deny access to unauthorized persons, animals, wind, rain, insects and rodents. If such wastes are placed in a trash receptacle or compactor which is accessible at any time to unauthorized persons, such receptacle or compactor shall be locked to prevent access to the contents thereof to anyone other than authorized persons or refuse collection personnel.

(Amended by Ord. No. 8477 (N.S.), adopted 11-8-94, operative 1-1-95; amended by Ord. No. 9293 (N.S.), effective 1-12-01)